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To the Honorable,

THE Legislature of the State, and to the Common Council of the City, of New-York, the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Asylum in obedience to the requirements of the 26th Section of their Charter, beg leave to present this their—

First Annual Report,

In July 1851, as soon as was practicable, after the passage of the Act incorporating the Juvenile Asylum, the Board of Directors were assembled for the purpose of receiving their Charter, and for temporary organization. At this Meeting, a Committee of three was appointed to propose and report By-Laws for the government of the Board, and Rules and Regulations for the direction of its Officers, and servants. This Committee, after mature deliberation, reported substantially the By-Laws, and Regulations herewith transmitted and marked "Schedule A," which were adopted, and the Board was permanently organized by the election of its officers, on the 14th day of November of the above-named year. On the 18th of the same month, the following Resolution was adopted :—

"RESOLVED,—That this Board will take immediate measures to collect the sum of \$50,000, contemplated in their Charter, and that the operation of the Institution shall be commenced as soon as that amount is obtained."

The Charter makes it obligatory upon the Board, that this sum should first have been obtained from voluntary subscriptions before it should be entitled to ask of the authorities of this City, a similar sum, or, to call upon them for the support of any of its pupils. Thus stimulated, all the energies of the Board were directed to this point ; and in the month of October last, the subscriptions had so nearly reached the amount as to justify the officers in petitioning the Board of Supervisors for a like sum. This petition was referred to a Special Committee, which, reported favorably thereon ; and the Board of Supervisors at their meeting in November, with a liberality worthy the importance of the undertaking, unanimously approved of the grant. The requisite amount, as will appear from the following certificate, and the affidavit of the President and Secretary has been already secured and deposited according to the requirements of the Charter ; thus, securing to this Institution \$100,000 to be expended for a permanent location, building and temporary support

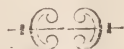
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITE.

The Honorable Luther Bradish, President of the New-York Juvenile Asylum, has deposited in the Bank of New-York, security for Fifty Thousand Dollars, for account of the Asylum.

A. P. HALSEY,

Cashier of the Bank of New-York,

January 7th, 1853.



AFFIDAVIT OF OFFICERS.

CITY, COUNTY AND STATE, }
OF NEW-YORK. } ss.

LUTHER BRADISH, President and JOHN D. RUSS, Secretary, of the New-York Juvenile Asylum, being sworn or affirmed, do severally depose and say, that Fifty Thousand Dollars, in money, or approved securities, have, by voluntary subscription or otherwise,

been raised for the purposes of the said Asylum ; and that the same has been duly deposited for account of the said Corporation in the Bank of New-York, in the City of New-York, in conformity to the Provisions of the Act, entitled "An Act to incorporate the New-York Juvenile Asylum, passed January 30, 1851," and to the By-Laws of the said Corporation ; as will appear by reference to the said Act, By-Laws, and Certificate of Deposit hereunto annexed, signed by A. P. HASLEY, Esq., Cashier of the said Bank of New-York.

SWORN, Affirmed, and Subscribed
before me, this 7th day of
January, 1853.

L. BRADISH, PRESIDENT.

JOHN D. RUSS, SECRETARY.

WM. G. STERLING.

Commissioner of Deeds for New-York City.

It is due to the Finance Committee to state, that this money has been collected by the volunteer efforts of that Committee, assisted occasionally by members of the Board, without expense to the Institution, so that as soon as we shall have received the amount voted by the Board of Supervisors—the Asylum, will be in possession of the entire sum of \$100,000.

This, it is believed, is a very uncommon event in the history of Benevolent Institutions, and while it bears honorable testimony to the zeal, industry, and perseverance of its Committee, especially demands the grateful acknowledgments of this Board to those who have, with such generous liberality, responded to its solicitations. The collection of this amount entitles the Asylum to receive from the City, or from the Commissioners of Emigration, a yearly sum of \$40 for each and every pupil kept and instructed by it, thereby enrolling this most novel and interesting charity among the permanent Institutions of our City. In the month of December last, the Board having accomplished its purpose in regard to funds, directed its attention to the main objects of the Institution ; and on the first of January, 1853, took possession of the premises, No. 109 Bank Street, which had been previously occupied by an Association of Ladies for an Asylum, with objects similar to those of this Institution. Those Ladies commenced operations as a Voluntary Association, in the Autumn of 1850, after the failure of our first applica-

tion to the Legislature for a Charter, and have since continued to labor with marked success, in this inviting field of philanthropic effort, under the appellation of the "ASYLUM FOR FRIENDLESS BOYS." The superior facilities and advantages offered by our Charter, induced them to transfer the children under their charge (amounting to Fifty-seven in number,) to the care of this Institution. With these children, the New-York Juvenile Asylum, has this day opened a House of Reception on the aforesaid premises, and are now engaged in efforts to obtain, within the county, a suitable Building for a temporary Asylum, and an eligible site for a permanent Institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

JOHN D. RUSS, SECRETARY.

NEW-YORK, January 10, 1853.

SCHEDULE A.

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM.

CHAPTER FIRST.

ARTICLE I.

Of the Name of the Corporation ; its Objects ; its Annual Meeting for the Election of Directors ; and the Annual and other Meetings of the Board of Directors.

Name.

§ 1. The name of this Corporation is "The New York Juvenile Asylum."

Objects.

§ 2. The objects of this Corporation are to receive and take charge of such children between the ages of five and fourteen years, as may be voluntarily entrusted to it by their Parents or Guardians, or committed to its charge by competent authority; to provide for their support; and to afford them the means of moral, intellectual and industrial education.

Annual Meeting of Corporation.

§ 3. The annual meeting for the election of Directors is to be held on the second Monday of January, in the year 1853, and annually thereafter on the same day, as required by the Charter.

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

§ 4. An annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the election of officers shall be held on the first Wednesday after the Annual Election, at such time and place as the Board shall determine.

Stated Meetings of the Board of Directors.

§ 5. The Board of Directors shall also meet statedly, for the dispatch of business, on the third Wednesday of every month, at half-past 7 P.M.

§ 6. Special meetings of the Board may, at any time, and, on the request in writing of any Standing Committee or of any three Directors, shall be called by the President, and the object of such meeting shall be stated in the call therefor.

Quorum.

§ 7. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, eight members constitute a quorum for the transaction of ordinary business; but no purchase, or conveyance of real estate, nor appointment to, or removal from office, can be made without a quorum of at least thirteen Directors.

Order of Business.

§ 8. At all stated meetings of the Board of Directors, the order of business shall be as follows, unless otherwise specially ordered:

1. The reading and approving of the minutes.
2. Reports or communications from officers of the Board, or of the Asylum.
3. Reports from Standing Committees.
4. Reports from Special Committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Special orders.
7. New business.

§ 9. At all special meetings of the Board of Directors, unless by unanimous consent, no other business shall be in order except that for the consideration of which such meetings are respectively called.

ARTICLE II.

*Of the Officers of the Corporation and Board of Directors; their Election;
Tenure of Office and Duties.*

§ 1. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall be a President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer,—who shall also be Officers of the Corporation. They shall severally be elected by ballot, at the Annual Meeting of the

Board of Directors, and shall hold their offices respectively for one year, and until others shall be chosen in their places. At the same meeting there shall also be elected by ballot the following Standing Committees, composed of three members each :

1. A Committee on Finance.
2. " on Supplies.
3. " on Indenturing.
4. " on Correspondence.
5. " on Visiting.
6. " on Instruction.
7. " on Employments.
8. " on Buildings and Repairs.
9. " on Applications.

Of the Duties of the President and Vice Presidents.

§ 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation, and Board of Directors ; he shall preserve order, and decide all questions of order subject to appeal ; he shall appoint all Special Committees, unless otherwise ordered ; he may, in his discretion, call Special Meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall do so on the request in writing of any Standing Committee or of any three Directors. It shall also be his duty to apply for, and receive from the Comptroller of the city at such times, and in such sums as the Finance Committee may order, all moneys due from the City to the Asylum under its Act of Incorporation ; and to cause the same to be deposited to the credit of the Asylum, in such Bank as the Board of Directors, may order.

§ 3. In case of the absence or inability of the President, the Vice Presidents in their order, and in case of the absence or inability of both the President and Vice Presidents, a temporary Chairman shall be appointed for that purpose by the Board of Directors, who shall, for the time, possess the powers, and discharge the duties of the President.

Of the Duties of the Secretary.

§ 4. The Secretary shall have charge of the Charter, Seal and Records of the Asylum, and of the Board of Directors ; he shall attend all meetings of the Board, and keep accurate minutes of its proceedings, which, when approved by the Board, he shall record in its journal. He shall also record at full length, in a separate book to be provided for that purpose, the Act of Incorporation of the Asylum, and all the Ordinances, Regulations, and By-Laws passed by the Board of Directors. He

shall also file and preserve all papers relative to applications for appointment to office in the Asylum, and shall also notify the Directors of each meeting at least two days before the meeting. The members of the Board shall have free access, at all reasonable times, to all the papers, records, &c., in charge of the Secretary.

Of the Duties of the Treasurer.

§ 5. The Treasurer shall have the charge of, and be responsible for all Deeds Contracts, and Securities, and also all moneys belonging to the Asylum, from whatever source derived, and shall deposit the said moneys, and keep the same on deposit until properly disbursed, in such Bank in the City of New York as may be ordered by the Directors; and the account thereof in such Bank shall be kept in the name of "THE NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM." The Treasurer shall pay all demands against the Asylum or the Board of Directors, properly audited and certified. And no money shall be drawn out of the Bank except on the check of the Treasurer, countersigned by the President, or in his absence by either of the Vice Presidents, and for the payment of demands against the Asylum. He shall keep a book in which all moneys which shall come to his hands for the account of the Asylum shall be debited to him, and in which shall be credited all moneys which shall have been properly disbursed by him for the same account. The Treasurer's book shall, at all reasonable times, be open to the inspection of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duties, as the Board of Directors shall require, and at each stated meeting shall submit a concise exhibit of the funds of the Corporation.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

§ 1. Of the Finance Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee,

1. To pay over to the Treasurer, all moneys received by them for account of the Institution, either for membership or as donations.

2. To audit and direct the payment of all bills against the Asylum; and no bill shall be paid by the Treasurer unless audited and approved by the Committee and certified by the Chairman.

3. To invest and manage the surplus funds of the Asylum under the directions of the Board.

4. Under the authority of the Board, to employ an Agent or Agents to obtain members, and subscriptions, and donations, to the funds of the Asylum, and to collect the latter.

§ 2. *Of the Committee on Supplies.*

The Committee on Supplies shall make or authorize all purchases of Provisions, Stores, or other articles consumed, and raw materials used by the Asylum; and the certificate of the Chairman of this Committee shall be produced before any bill for such supplies shall be passed by the Finance Committee.

§ 3. *Of the Indenturing Committee.*

1. The Indenturing Committee shall inquire into the history, character and condition of the pupils, in reference to the propriety of discharging them from the Asylum, and also into the character and fitness of all persons who may propose to take a pupil as an apprentice or servant, and decide on such applications; but no pupil shall be bound to any trade or occupation unless, in the opinion of the Committee, his or her constitution is physically and mentally fitted for such trade or occupation.

2. Whenever the Committee shall be satisfied that a pupil ought to be discharged, they shall make a brief entry of their opinion in a book to be provided for the purpose, together with the grounds upon which it is founded.

3. The Committee shall enter the name, occupation, and place of residence of every person who may propose to take a pupil as an apprentice or servant, together with their opinion of his or her fitness, and the reasons in brief for their opinion.

4. The book in which these entries shall be made shall be left with the Superintendent, and by him be submitted to the Visiting Committee.

5. This Committee shall meet every two weeks.

§ 4. *Of the Committee on Correspondence.*

The Committee on Correspondence shall keep themselves advised of the state and condition of the pupils who may have been apprenticed, and for such purpose, semi-annually at least, shall correspond with the master of each apprentice, and with the apprentice himself, and thus inform themselves of his health, condition, and progress; preserve a record, and when required, report such correspondence to the Board.

§ 5. *Of the Visiting Committee.*

1. The Visiting Committee shall meet at least semi-monthly, to visit the Institution and acquaint themselves with the condition of the buildings and grounds; with the manner in which the resident officers discharge their duties; and with the conduct of the pupils. They shall record the result of their examinations and such suggestions as they deem important in reference to the management of the Asylum, in a book to be provided for the purpose, which shall be laid before the Board of Directors at each stated meeting.

2. The Visiting Committee shall possess such executive and supervisory powers as shall be conferred upon them by the Board of Directors, and exercise the same, subject to such regulations and instructions as may be given them by the Board.

§ 6 *Of the Committee on Instruction.*

1. The Committee on Instruction shall have the supervision of the schools, and shall report to the Board such facts in relation to them as they may think necessary.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee, at least once in two months, to examine both the boys and girls, in reading, writing, arithmetic, and such other branches as may be taught; and no boy under fourteen years of age, shall be bound out to any occupation whatever, until this Committee shall have been first consulted as to his attainments in those branches.

§ 7. *Of the Committee on Employments.*

The Committee on Employments shall suggest and recommend to the Board of Directors for their approval, such kinds of arts, and trades, and labour, as may be most conveniently carried on in the Asylum, and best adapted to the age, mental capacity, and physical strength of the pupils, and which, at the same time, may promise some aid in the support of the Institution, and some advantage to the individual after he may leave the Asylum; and when the Board of Directors vote to introduce any such employment, it shall become the duty of this Committee to see that it is properly commenced and pursued.

§ 8. *Of the Committee on Buildings and Repairs.*

1. The Committee on Buildings and Repairs shall take charge of all buildings which may be ordered to be constructed, and see that they are completed in compliance with the plans and specifications approved by the Board, and that the materials used, and work done, are of proper quality.

2. They shall also advise all material repairs and alterations ; examine and report to the Board on all plans and specifications which may be referred to them ; and superintend all repairs or alterations while being made.

§ 9. *Of the Committee on Applications.*

This Committee shall receive and decide upon all applications for admission into the Asylum, under such regulations as the Board may from time to time establish.

§ 10. *Of Reports of Committees.*

All the Standing Committees shall present at each regular meeting of the Board, a statement of their proceedings and those of their agents, during the month preceding ; and at the close of the year a general Report.

CHAPTER SECOND.

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE JUVENILE ASYLUM—THE TENURE OF THEIR OFFICES—
THE MODE OF THEIR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL, AND THEIR DUTIES.

ARTICLE I.

Of the Officers of the Juvenile Asylum—the tenure of their offices, and the mode of their appointment and removal.

§ 1. The officers of the Juvenile Asylum shall be a Superintendent, Physician, Matron, and such assistants as the Institution may require—Teacher, and steward.

§ 2. The Superintendent shall be appointed by the Board, and shall hold his office during the pleasure of the Board. He shall nominate all his subordinate officers, who, if approved, shall be appointed by the Board.

§ 3. Seven affirmative votes shall be necessary for the appointment or removal of a Superintendent. A majority shall in all cases be necessary to a choice.

§ 4. The mode of appointment shall be as follows: The members of the Board shall openly nominate such person or persons as they may think fit for the office which is about to be filled. An informal ballot shall then be taken, and the result shall be openly declared. The Board may then order another informal ballot, or proceed to make the appointment, or postpone it, as may be thought expedient.

ARTICLE II.

Of the general duties of the Officers of the Juvenile Asylum.

§ 1. It shall be the duty of all the officers of the Juvenile Asylum, except the Physician, to reside at the Institution, and none of the subordinate officers shall leave it without permission from the Superintendent, or the consent of the Board.

§ 2. All the subordinate officers, except the Physician, in addition to the appropriate duties of their respective offices, shall act as aids to the Superintendent in preserving good order among the pupils, in guarding against escapes, and generally in the maintenance of the rules and discipline of the institution. They shall also perform such other services as shall be required of them from time to time, by the Superintendent or the Board.

ARTICLE III.

Of the duties of the Superintendent.

§ 1. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to take charge of the Asylum, to see that the subordinate officers are punctual and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and that the Regulations and By-Laws of the Asylum are carefully observed.

§ 2. He shall enter in books to be provided for the purpose, the name and age of every pupil, with a brief description of the person, the time when received, whence and by whom sent, the previous habits of life, the age, sex, and the nativity, habits, profession or calling of parents, and if apprenticed, the name and place of residence of the person to whom apprenticed, and in case of death, the time and cause of death, together with such other facts, relative to the individuals, as he may think worthy of preservation.

§ 3. He shall keep a journal, in which he shall record daily, everything relating to the Asylum deemed worthy of notice, which shall be submitted to the Visiting Committee whenever they meet for the transaction of business.

§ 4. He shall, under the direction of the Committee on Supplies, procure the necessary supplies for the Asylum, and shall purchase such materials as may be wanted for the employment of the pupils, and dispose of the articles manufactured by them, and of such of the products of the Asylum as are not wanted for consumption or use.

§ 5. He shall keep an account of all purchases of materials for the employment of the pupils, and the cost of delivering the same at the Asylum, and of all moneys received for manufactured articles sold.

§ 6. He shall keep an accurate account of the current expenses of the Asylum, and shall credit therein, at their cash value, the products consumed in the Asylum, the moneys received from contractors for the services, and the moneys received for the support of inmates.

§ 7. He shall lay before the indenturing Committee all applications for Clerks or Apprentices, and the names of such of the pupils as he thinks may properly be discharged from the Asylum, or apprenticed.

§ 8. It shall be his duty to see that visitors are never admitted at improper times : and that no clandestine correspondence is carried on between them or others and the pupils.

§ 9. He shall be responsible for the proper discipline of the pupils.

§ 10. The general superintendence of both the male and female departments of the Asylum, shall be entrusted to the Superintendent, who shall be accountable to the Board of Directors for the faithful discharge of his duty. All orders of the Board, respecting the internal management of the Asylum, shall be given through him, and he shall see that these, and all other rules and regulations which may be from time to time adopted, are strictly enforced; and that the officers and other persons in the employment of the Asylum are diligent in the discharge of their respective duties; that the health and comfort of the children, and their intellectual, moral and industrial improvement are properly regarded; and that all the concerns of the Asylum, which come under his cognizance, are managed with the strictest economy. In the discipline of the children, it shall be his duty to be mild, firm, judiciously rewarding the meritorious, and punishing the guilty with promptness, justice, and impartiality. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to report semi-monthly to the Visiting Committee the number of children in the Asylum, with such additions and departures as have occurred during each week, the number in each grade, the manner in which they are employed, the amount of work done, the supplies received, and such other information as he may think worthy of notice, or as may be required by the Board. It shall be his duty to render to said Visiting Committee a semi-monthly account of the work done by the children, and for whom it was done, and of all receipts and payments made by him, on account of the Asylum.

§ 11. He shall, under the direction of the Committee on Correspondence, conduct all the correspondence of the Committee.

§ 12. He shall report to the Directors, for their approbation, all such regulations, in regard to the distribution of the duties among those employed in the Asylum, as he may find requisite and convenient.

§ 13. He shall, at each stated meeting of the Board, present a report of the state of the Asylum, together with such facts connected with the same as may be deemed of interest.

§ 14. He shall be ready at all times, to perform whatever other services shall be required of him by the Directors, not inconsistent with the performance of the duties herein prescribed.

ARTICLE IV.

Of the Duties of the Matron.

§ 1. The Matron shall have the general charge of the domestic concerns of the Asylum.

§ 2. She shall attend to the cleanliness, and good order, and ventilation of the apartments: shall have the care and direction of the sewing, clothing, bedding, washing, ironing, cooking and baking.

§ 3. She shall see that all the female assistants are faithful and diligent in the discharge of their duties, discreet and regular in their deportment, and that they observe all the regulations of the Asylum.

§ 4. She shall see that the sick receive proper attention, and, if any female assistant has failed to be faithful, or shall be guilty of any improper conduct, abuse of trust or neglect of duty, she shall report the case immediately to the Superintendent.

§ 5. She shall be ready to perform such other reasonable services as shall be required of her by the Superintendent.

ARTICLE V.

Of the duties of the Teachers.

§ 1. The Teacher shall have charge of the pupils during the hours appropriated for study, and shall be responsible for their conduct while under his direction. He shall also impart to them, from time to time, as well upon the week days as on the Sabbath, suitable moral instruction, with a view to inspire them with correct principles of action and improve their habits.

§ 2. The Assistant Teachers shall aid the Teacher in the discharge of his duties and shall be under his general supervision.

§ 3. They shall take charge of the boys' recreations, shall be present at their meals, and at the daily settlements, and shall assist in the general management of the Asylum, taking charge of boys engaged in the domestic work of the Asylum nor otherwise disposed of.

§ 4. They shall, at the opening of the school, see that all the pupils are present, and immediately report to the superintendent, any that may be missing. They shall be responsible for all under their charge, and shall preserve order and good government in their departments.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Duties of the Physician.

§ 1. The Physician shall visit the Juvenile Asylum and inspect the pupils with a view to ascertain the state of their health, at least once a week, and shall make such suggestions to the Superintendent as he shall think needful, in regard to the regimen of the pupils, and the best methods of preventing disease.

§ 2. He shall attend promptly all calls in cases of sickness, and shall repeat his visits as often as the Superintendent shall think needful.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Steward.

§ 1. The Steward shall, under the general direction of the Superintendent, receive and take care of the provisions and supplies provided for the Juvenile Asylum, and see that they are properly distributed, and accurate accounts kept of the same.

§ 2. He shall be the farmer, and have charge of all the implements and cattle, and all other necessary articles pertaining to the farm, and shall be responsible for the economical use and preservation of the same.

§ 3. He shall make such purchases as may be directed by the Board or Committee of Supplies, and attend to the engaging and discharging such adult help as may be temporarily employed on the farm.

§ 4. He shall keep correct and methodical accounts of all receipts and expenditures relating to the farm; and of all the labor performed on the farm by the pupils of the Asylum.

§ 5. He shall observe all the regulations of the Asylum, and see that they are observed by all persons employed on the farm, and shall immediately report every instance of remissness therein to the Superintendent.

§ 6. He shall exercise a judicious and proper oversight of all the boys entrusted to his charge, and see that they return punctually to the house at the appointed hour.

§ 7. He shall be ready, at all times, to perform whatever reasonable services may be required by the Superintendent.

CHAPTER THIRD.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

ARTICLE I.

MODE OF GOVERNMENT.

Of Grades.

§ 1. All pupils when received shall be placed, as soon thereafter as the Superintendent shall direct, in the Probationary grade, and afterwards divided according to character and conduct, into four grades. The most exemplary being placed in the first grade; those who are less worthy, in the second; those who stand still lower, in the third; and the least tractable, in the fourth. Any pupil who may be proved guilty of profaneness, lying, stealing, attempting to escape from the Asylum, or any other grossly bad conduct may be expelled from the grades, for a longer or shorter period, according to the aggravation of the offence. Pupils under expulsion shall not be allowed any play or conversation, their food shall be bread and water, and when not at work or in school, they shall be confined in solitude. Pupils in the fourth grade shall be deprived of play and conversation. Those in the third grade may play and converse with each other, but not with the pupils in the other grades. Pupils in the second and first grades may converse and play together, and have the privilege of using the books in the library. From these two grades pupils may be selected as monitors, and for other places of confidence and honor. Pupils in the first grade may be distinguished by an appropriate badge, and be indulged with other privileges at the discretion of the Superintendent, under the general direction of the Board.

Of Punishments.

§ 2. The punishments allowed in the Institution shall consist chiefly in bad marks, loss of grade, deprivation of play, and confinement in solitude. A regular account shall be opened with each pupil, in which he shall be charged with bad marks that he may have incurred for his faults, and credited with good marks that may be awarded him for meritorious conduct. The bad marks shall be settled for by good marks, or the infliction of such punishment as their number may require; and the good marks may be rewarded at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Of Cleanliness.

§ 3. When a child is received into the Asylum, he shall, if necessary, be thoroughly washed, and decently clothed. If thought expedient, he may be kept apart from the other pupils, for a longer or shorter time, according to his age and habits of life. When a pupil is dismissed from the Asylum, with the approbation of the Board, he shall be furnished with a suit of decent and comfortable clothing a Bible, and such good advice as he may be thought to stand most in need of.

Of Distribution of Duties.

§ 4. The time of the pupils shall be occupied, on week days, as nearly as practicable in the following manner:—School, six hours, including recesses; work, five hours; residue at meals, and in recreation. In the months of January, February, November and December, the hour for rising shall be half-past six o'clock. In March, April, September and October, six o'clock. In May, June, July and August, half-past five o'clock. the hour for bed throughout the year, shall be not later than nine o'clock. The exercises of each day shall be commenced and closed by reading a selection from the Holy Scriptures.

Of Employments.

§ 5. The work of the boys may consist in gardening, tailoring, shoe-making, the plaiting of straw and palm leaf, the manufacture of brass nails, and such other kinds of labor as may be approved by the Board of Directors. The girls shall be employed in cooking, washing, ironing, scouring, sewing, knitting, and such other kinds of work as may be suitable to their sex, and directed by the Board.

§ 6. No play or conversation shall be allowed among the children, while engaged at their work, on parade, at meals, or after they have retired to their sleeping rooms.

§ 7. The food of the children may consist of beef, mutton, fish, bread, rice, potatoes, hasty-pudding, milk, milk-porridge, and cocoa; subject to such additions and alterations as the Board may from time to time direct. On Christmas, New-Year's, and Thanks-giving days, and on the Fourth of July, the children may be allowed food of a better kind than usual, and be exempt from their ordinary occupations.

§ 8. The children shall be required to wash their faces and hands, and have their heads combed, at least once a day. As often as once a week they shall wash their necks and feet, and change their shirts and socks; and, whenever the season will permit, they shall have the benefit of bathing. Personal cleanliness shall be rewarded, and the want of it punished, at the discretion of the Superintendent.

§ 9. Every part of the house shall be swept daily, except on the Sabbath, and the floors scoured once a week, or oftener, if required. The beds and bed-clothing shall be kept clean, and nothing offensive shall be allowed to remain in any part of the house or yards.

§ 10. No communication whatever shall be allowed between the boys and girls, nor shall they ever be permitted to pass into the apartments or yards of each other, unless directed to do so by an officer.

§ 11. Permission may be obtained by citizens to visit the Asylum on Fridays only, between three and six o'clock in the afternoon, in summer; and from two to four o'clock, in winter. This rule shall be varied only for the accommodation of strangers temporarily in the city. And in all cases, a permit from one of the Directors shall be required for admission.

The last Thursday in January, April, July, and October, from one o'clock until five o'clock in the afternoon, shall be especially appropriated to the visits of the parents and friends of the children, under such restrictions as may be prescribed by the Superintendent. No conversation respecting the discipline of the Institution shall be allowed in the presence of the children, and no visitor shall be allowed to speak to a child without permission of an officer.

Of Admission of Pupils.

§ 12. No boy not sent by public authority, shall be admitted into the Asylum, unless by the consent of two Directors; and unless the parent or guardian, if any there be, shall have surrendered him to the Institution, and shall also have entered into an obligation to receive him back, if after a trial of three months, the Directors shall choose to return him, and also not to interfere in the management of the child and not to visit him without the consent of a Director, nor ask or receive any compensation for his services, nor induce or attempt to induce any child to leave the Asylum, or the family, or station in which the Directors may place him. No pupil shall be retained in the Asylum who, from his character or other cause, is likely to interfere with the improvement of the pupils, or otherwise injuriously affect them.

Pupils at Board.

§ 13. When any parent or guardian shall desire to place a boy in the Asylum, and pay in whole or in part for his maintenance and education, the Board of Directors may in their discretion admit him on such terms and conditions as they shall think proper.

Visits of Relatives.

§ 14. No relative or acquaintance of any pupil shall interfere in the management of the pupil, or be permitted to visit him except in presence of the Superintendent, unless by special permission of the Visiting Committee.

Of the Admission of Pupils.

§ 15. Pupils may be received from any city or town in this State, provided the town or city will become responsible for their maintenance and support during their continuance in the Asylum, and provided that they shall not be charged less than sixty dollars per annum for each pupil.

§ 16. These Rules, though chiefly made with reference to the Boys, shall also regulate the government of the Girls, so far as the same may be found applicable. Such additional rules as may be necessary for the internal management of the Asylum, may be made by the Superintendent, provided the same be not incompatible with these, or any other rules adopted by the Board of Directors; and he shall from time to time report the same to the Board.

§ 17. These By-Laws and Regulations may be altered or amended at any stated meeting, provided that notice of such proposed amendment or alteration has been given at a previous meeting, and that the Secretary has notified each Director of the nature of the proposed amendment at least three days previous to said meeting.

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